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Commissioners:

I want to thank you for the service you are doing for the people of this country. I think that whatever you proceed to do with this proposal will be a job well done. We appreciate your work.

I believe that the ARRL's perspective best represents my own. I would like for you to keep the Morse Telegraphy testing for the Amateur Extra Class license. I believe it is understood by the most knowledgeable operators, that Morse Telegraphy on HF radio is very useful. We are trying to preserve something we know is good. We are aware that the Morse Telegraphy test requirement has assisted in operators being introduced to Morse Telegraphy. We feel we have benefited from Morse Telegraphy testing requirements being required for many years by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission).

I believe that whatever you choose to do will be good for the people's Amateur Radio Service. I congratulate you for your fine work with this proposal. I hope many new operators experience as much pride and satisfaction as I experience with the privilege of operating on HF radio.

Thank you,
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